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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Validity Study of the Libyan Section of NIE 71-54:

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The attached validity study of the Libyan section of NIE 71-54, "Probable Developments in North Africa," published 31 August 1954, was noted by the IAC on 19 June 1956 (IAC-M-243, 19 June 1956, item 10 c).

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1. With minor exceptions, the estimates concerning Libya made in NIE 71-54 appear to have been valid. The fundamental factors noted in NIE 71-54 as affecting internal political stability continue to do so. The analysis of Libyan external relations correctly assessed the prospects for passage of the US-Libyan Base Agreement, further French-Libyan difficulties, the decline of British influence in Libya, and Egypt's challenge to the Western position in the kingdom.

2. NIE 71-54 (paragraph 66) did over-emphasize the extent to which Turkey would successfully compete with Egypt for influence in Libya. The estimate also did not anticipate the establishment of diplomatic relations between Libya and the USSR or recent Soviet gestures toward Libya.